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done away, & that as dear children we may love
one another, - knowing that it is impossible to
love God & hate our brother -

Thine for the cause of the slave & for toleration

Jamus Mott

The way, we shall not, unless our love of "isms" is greater than our love of the cause of the poor slave, or our hatred of "isms", is greater than our hatred of slavery — In the abolition ranks are many belonging to the same religious society with myself, & our views & opinions are modified & different from most others engaged in the same cause as to the method of obtaining the end, — yet we are willing they should work in their own way, provided they do it honestly & sincerely, — Some others will at the present time long remain in the field of labour, — Why should we differ with a brother for doing his work, with tools, other than we use ourselves, when he thinks his are better, & we shall disown, if we candidly examine what he is doing, instead of looking to see how he is doing it, that his part of the labour is progressing equally with our own — This man may say does not apply to the case in point — Perhaps it does not directly — & not intending to say ~~much~~ more when I took my pen, than to express my unregretted sorrow & regret, to see, according to my apprehension, such a manifestation of bitterness towards one who has been as a very brother, I will conclude, earnestly desiring that all railing, evil speaking, & animosity may be

James Mott

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In looking over the last number of the Liberator this evening, I notice a letter addressed to the editor to which thy name is attached. — If I am not mistaken (& I sincerely hope I may be) the spirit in which this letter was written, is the opposite to that of brotherly kindness & charity, — & I pray thee examine thyself, & see if there be a spirit of bitterness, envy or strife, secretly lurking in thy bosom, & if it be found in the least degree, permit ^{me} to entreat thee to ask for aid from God to cast out the evil spirit, that its place be no more found ~~in thee~~, — for it is dangerous & awfully will deceive all who give it a dwelling — For some ^{times} part I have heard that dissensions existed among ^{thy} friends & advocates of the down trodden slave, & have partly believed it, & greatly feared that in the disputations & quarrels between the parties, the plea for bleeding & suffering humanity would be neglected & perhaps forgotten — As the friends to the cause of abolition increase in number, we must expect that it will embody many who hold different opinions on other subjects, — & even difference of opinion as to the manner & mode of promoting the one great subject — but why should we hence fall out by